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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

TNAU NSS Officer wins in essay competition

Fifteenth Anniversary of Vallalar Aruljothi Sangam, Kulathupalayam was organised on 25.12.14 by K.N.Lingasamy Memorial trust in Dharapuram. Earlier essay competition on principles of Ramalinga vallalar was organised for school and college students and teachers throughout Tamil Nadu. Around 1000 participants submitted their essays.

Dr. M.R. Latha, Assistant Professor (Soil Science) and NSS Programme Officer TNAU bagged the second prize for her tamil essay on “Compassion towards beings as a key to Moksha or liberation”.

Thiru.Lingam Chinnasamy, event organiser handed over the certificate, Rs. 300 cash prize, gold medal, photograph of Vallalar and books containing his principles to Dr. Latha. The essay reiterated that avoiding non vegetarian foods alone is not jeevakarunya but it should be practised in dress, environment, occupation, family and society. The vision towards and living and non living things should be equal. People should cooperate for the successful conduct of state and central government programmes for better living. Education system should change from memorising to real wisdom based learning and should inculcate ethical and cultural values and communal harmony in students’ minds. Food has a direct bearing on physical and mental health of people. The earth we live is not inherited from our ancestors but borrowed from our children. Hence we have to judiciously use the natural resources and leave it safe for our future generations. Since India is gifted with more young people, any programme to be successful must be routed through youth. The sixth sense should be effectively used for betterment of not only human beings but also animals and inanimate objects to safeguard the environment.

Around 250 participants including President, secretaries and members of Vallalar sangam from throughout the state, religious leaders, Social workers, Dr. L. Devarajan, Editor, Vedathiriam and Professor (Retd.), TNAU offered felicitations and thought provoking speech. Yoga and music programmes were given. The programme strongly embarked a sense of social responsibility among youth and participants.

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